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Dear Madame or Sir:

I have had a chance to review the proposed changes to MCR 2.512, 2.513, 2.514, 2.515, 2.516, and 6.414. During my review I was shocked at the number of substantial changes that the proposed rules would create, should they be adopted. As a litigator for more than 30 years, I can safely predict that not only would the proposed amendments radically change the way a jury trial in Michigan would be conducted, but they would lengthen the proceeding and provide numerous areas for claim of error.

Although I like to think of myself as open minded, I certainly cannot endorse the substantial alterations suggested, particularly when they would be presumably implemented simultaneously. Moreover where is the justification that these radical changes are necessary, or worthy of adoption in the first instance?

I am vehemently opposed to the suggested changes and would urge that they be rejected.

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